



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Gutowska ) Art Unit: 1711  
Serial No: 09/209,541 ) Examiner: Jeffrey Mullis  
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For: REVERSIBLE GELING CO- ) File No: E-1537-CIP  
POLYMER AND METHOD OF MAKING ) Date: August 21, 2001

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AMENDMENT

Box Patent Application  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated 02/22/01, Applicant sets forth the following amendments and remarks toward reconsideration for allowance of the above-referenced application. Applicant requests a three month extension of time and encloses a fee sheet for the fee, believed to be about \$445.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, and 31 as follows:

1. (amended) A therapeutic agent carrier, comprising:
  - a. a reversible gelling copolymer, having a linear random copolymer of:
    - i. an N-alkyl substituted [meth-]acrylamide derivative; and
    - ii. a hydrophilic comonomer, wherein as amount of said hydrophilic comonomer in the linear random copolymer is less than about 10 mole% and greater than or equal to